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Description: ff. i + 197 + i - 18th-19th centuries, England. Brown calf, gold-tooled. Striped turn-ins. - From the estate of Wilfred M. Voynich. Purchased in 1959 from H. P. Kraus by Thomas E. Marston. - Shailor, B. Catalogue of Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Marston MS 220.

Notes: -Manuscript on parchment composed of two distinct parts. Part I (13th century): 1) Petrus Comestor, *Historia scholastica*. 2) Petrus Pictaviensis, *Historia actuum apostolorum*. 3) Unidentified text about Titus and Vespasian. Part II (14th century): 4) Augustinus Hibernicus, *De mirabilibus sacrae scripturae*, in the long recension. 5) Extracts from Ambrose, *Exameron*.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 0

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Language: Latin *Country:* England *Century:* 13th

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Part 1:

Description: - parchment - 357 x 240 mm.

Country: England

Region: England

Assigned Date: [between 1200 and 1210; 1300 and 1350]

Dated by scribe: No

Document: No

Cardinal point:

City:

Searchable Date Range: 1200 - 1350

Inscribed Date:

Number of Scribes:

Script: Part I (ff. 1-173): Written in neat gothic bookhand, above top line; glosses added by a variety of hands, some exhibiting anglicana features. Part II (ff. 174-197): Written in gothic bookhand with some marginalia by contemporary and later hands.

Notes: Part I: Two illuminated initials in parallel positions on f. 1r, beginning mid-page and extending almost to the bottom of the leaf. The first initial composed of a gold trellis edged in black with heads of a grotesque devouring the trellis at top and bottom, and foliage designs in green and white scrolling around the body of the initial against pink interior with white highlight and gold balls. The whole on a rectangular ground tapering to a point at bottom, with white designs. The second initial, somewhat narrower and less ambitious in design, gold edged in black with blue interior and thin white design in center and two rosettes, one at top, the other at bottom, and a third stylized floral motif in center, all on a pink ground in the same shape as the first initial. Also on f. 1r, 7-line initial divided red and blue with interior foliage designs in green and white on parchment ground, and red and blue penwork designs around exterior of letter. For major text divisions, fine medium blue and/or red initials, 9- to 6-line, with intricate penwork flourishes in red and blue, each accompanied by several lines of oversize letters for the first few words of text, with letters either in one color with designs in the other or alternating red and blue. Small penwork initials, red or blue with modest design in the opposite color, throughout. Headings, running headlines and vertical lines within text columns, in red. Remains of instructions to rubricator (some perpendicular to text in gutter) and guide letters for decorator. Part II: One gold initial, 4-line, with purple penwork designs on f. 194r. Blue initials with red penwork, 9- to 2-line, throughout. Headings and initial strokes added, in brown and red, unsophisticated drawings of birds, animals, leaves and grotesques in upper and lower margins. Binding: 18th-19th centuries, England. Brown calf, gold-tooled. Striped turn-ins.

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1:

Author: Petrus Comestor 12th cent.

Other Associate: Peter of Poitiers ca. 1130-1205.

Other Associate: Ambrose Saint, Bishop of Milan d. 397.

Title: *Historia scholastica*, etc.

Subjects: Petrus, Comestor, 12th cent.; Illumination of books and manuscripts, Medieval.; Latin literature, Medieval and modern.; Manuscripts, Medieval--Connecticut--New Haven.;

Language(s): Latin